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NEW SCHOOL READINESS SPACES, FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS, AND SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CLINICS

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You asked which school districts are eligible for the new school readiness spaces, family resource centers, and school-based health clinics required by the 2012 Education Reform Act ([PA 12-116](#)).

The 2012 act requires the education commissioner to provide funding in FY 13 for 1,000 new school readiness spaces and at least 10 new family resource centers (FRCs). It also requires the public health commissioner to fund at least 20 new or expanded school-based health clinics (SBHCs) for FY 13. The act specifies that these services must be located in educational reform, priority and former priority, certain competitive, and alliance districts.

The governor [announced](#) the distribution of the school readiness spaces on July 10, 2012.

SCHOOL READINESS SPACES

The Education Reform Act ([PA 12-116, § 1](#)) requires the education commissioner to provide funding for 1,000 new spaces in school readiness programs in FY 13. The spaces must be allocated as follows:

1. 500 in the “educational reform districts,”
2. 250 in priority or former priority districts that are not educational reform districts, and

3. 250 in school readiness program “competitive districts.”

Educational Reform Districts

The educational reform districts are the 10 school districts with the lowest performance on statewide mastery tests, according to a district performance index) the act establishes. Table 1 lists these districts and the new spaces allocated to each.

TABLE 1: EDUCATIONAL REFORM DISTRICTS

<i>District</i>	<i>New Spaces</i>
Bridgeport	130
East Hartford	30
Hartford	64
Meriden	58
New Britain	41
New Haven	53
New London	31
Norwich	26
Waterbury	51
Windham	16
TOTAL	500

Priority and Former Priority Districts

Priority districts are designated using a statutory formula that includes population, concentration of school-aged children receiving Temporary Family Assistance, and academic performance on by state mastery test scores ([CGS § 10-266p](#)). [PA 12-116](#) allocates 250 new spaces to priority and former priority school districts that are not educational reform districts. Table 2 shows the nine districts that fall into this category and their new space allocations.

TABLE 2: PRIORITY AND FORMER PRIORITY DISTRICTS

<i>District</i>	<i>New Spaces</i>
Ansonia	21
Bloomfield	4
Bristol	48
Danbury	58
Middletown	8
Norwalk	50
Putnam	30
Stamford	6
West Haven	25
TOTAL	250

Competitive Districts

The competitive districts are those that do not fall into either of the two foregoing categories but that either (1) are among the 50 poorest districts in the state or (2) have at least one school where 40% or more of the school lunches served are to students eligible for free or reduced price lunches ("priority school") ([CGS § 10-16p\(d\)](#)).

Of the districts in this category, 19 received new spaces from the 250 allocated to such districts in the act. These districts and their space allocations are listed in Table 3.

TABLE 3: COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS RECEIVING NEW SPACES

<i>District</i>	<i>New Spaces</i>	<i>District</i>	<i>New Spaces</i>
East Haven	14	Naugatuck	15
Enfield	12	Plainfield	3
Greenwich	13	Stratford	13
Griswold	13	Torrington	15
Groton	20	Vernon	15
Hamden	10	West Hartford	10
Hebron	18	Winchester	15
Killingly	15	Windsor	6
Ledyard	18	Windsor Locks	24
Manchester	1	TOTAL	250

Table 4 lists the competitive districts that did not receive a new space allocation.

TABLE 4: COMPETITIVE DISTRICTS NOT RECEIVING NEW SPACES

Andover	Ellington	Seymour
Ashford	Hampton	Shelton
Beacon Falls	Lebanon	Sprague
Brooklyn	Lisbon	Stafford
Canterbury	Mansfield	Sterling
Chaplin	Milford	Thomaston
Colchester	North Canaan	Thompson
Coventry	Plainville	Voluntown
Derby	Plymouth	Wolcott
Eastford	Scotland	

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS AND SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CLINICS

The Education Reform act ([PA 12-116, § 8](#)) requires the education commissioner to establish at least 10 new FRCs and the public health commissioner to establish at least 20 new or expanded SBHCs in FY 13 in “alliance districts.” The alliance districts are the 30 school districts with the lowest performance on statewide mastery tests based on DPI.

The alliance districts are listed in Table 5. As of the date of this report, the locations of the new FRCs and SBHCs have not been announced.

TABLE 5: ALLIANCE DISTRICTS – FY 13

Ansonia	Hartford	Norwich
Bloomfield	Killingly	Putnam
Bridgeport	Manchester	Stamford
Bristol	Meriden	Vernon
Danbury	Middletown	Waterbury
Derby	Naugatuck	West Haven
East Hartford	New Britain	Winchester
East Haven	New Haven	Windham
East Windsor	New London	Windsor
Hamden	Norwalk	Windsor Locks

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